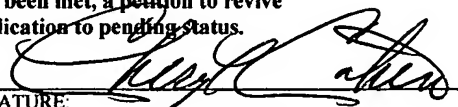


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES          DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)          CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">10/530454</div>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/015970		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 12 December 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 12 December 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION    DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE (AS AMENDED)					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US    Minoru HOSHINO et al.					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
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Enclosed please find a U.S. National Stage application of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/015970, filed on December 12, 2003 and claiming priority back to Japanese Patent No. 2002-362957, filed on December 13, 2002.

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including the items indicated:

1. Specification (24 pp.); claims (6 total: 1 independent and 5 dependent)(3 pp.); abstract (1 p.).
2. Drawings (4 sheets, Figures 1-8).

3. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 Form PTO 1390 (2 pp.).

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5. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney Form PTO/SB/106(4 pp.).

6. Executed Assignment for recording to Hakujuji Kabushiki Kaisha (2 pp.)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.215(b), please print the following assignment information on the face of the published application:

Assignee: Hakujuji Kabushiki Kaisha

7. Assignment Recordation Transmittal Form PTO/1595 (1 p.)

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